

HB 1435 -- SALES TAX EXEMPTION

SPONSOR: Johnson

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Emerging Issues in Agriculture by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill authorizes a state and local sales and use tax exemption for specified farm products sold at a farmers' market.

This provision does not apply to any farmer with estimated total annual sales of \$25,000 or more from participation in farmers' markets.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill is a positive step in promoting farmers' markets and providing access to fresh produce and healthy eating habits. It would also bring many farmers currently participating in farmers' markets into compliance with sales tax requirements.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Johnson; and KC Healthy Kids.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.